

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested.

The application has been amended to insert the required reference to the parent application, for which benefit is claimed, of this new continuing application.

Applicants also submit new Figures 15-21 to represent the information deleted in pages 86-100 of the Substitute Specification. In addition, Applicants submit amendments to the specification, adding paragraphs [045] to [051], to provide description of these new Figures. In the description of Figures 15-16, the terms "an amino acid sequence encoded by the Tc45 gene" is supported in paragraph [008] and "with markings as described for Figure 2" is supported in paragraph [029]. In the description of Figures 17-21, the terms "a nucleic acid sequence of the Tc45 gene" is supported in paragraph [009] and "with markings as described for Figure 5" is supported in paragraph [032]. Therefore, these amendments to the specification do not add new matter, and do not raise new issues. Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

Finally, all of the new claims were derived from the claims as originally filed in the parent application, and therefore, do present new matter.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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